



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Commonwealth Transportation Board

**THROUGH:** Thelma Drake  
Agency Director

**FROM:** Corey Hill  
Chief of Public Transportation

**DATE:** April 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report

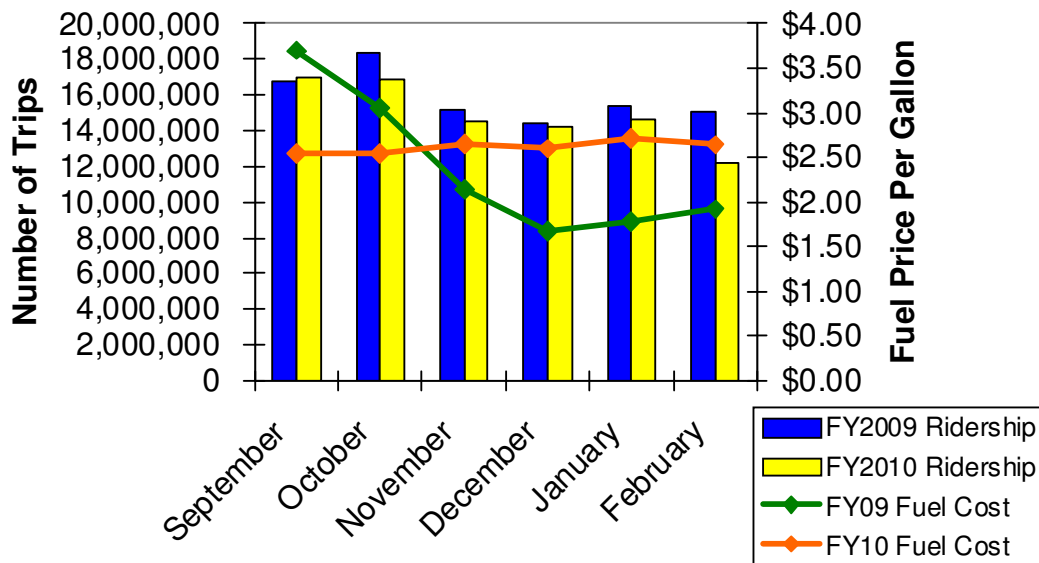
DRPT is pleased to present the monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report, summarizing February 2010 transit<sup>1</sup> and human service ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends.

The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for February 2010 and February 2009.

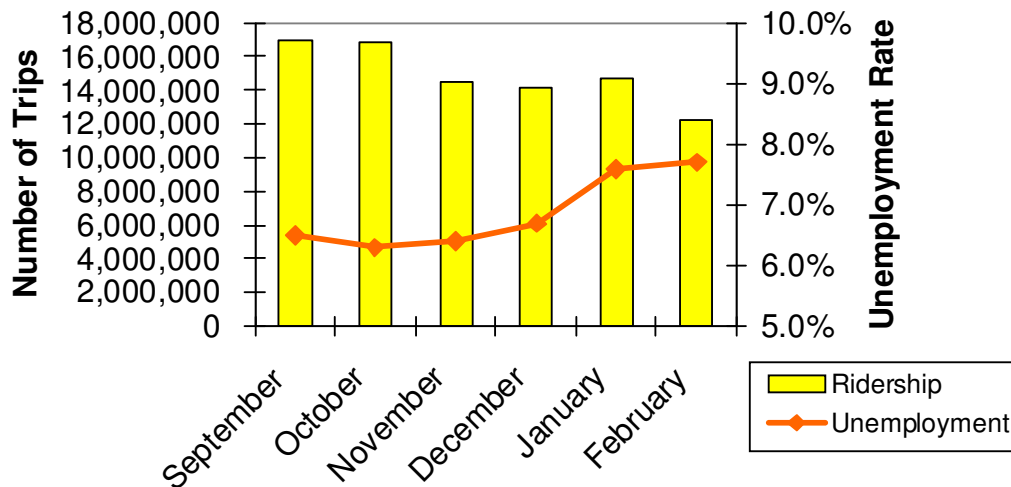
### Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
  - Severe winter weather in February 2010, which closed schools, businesses and the state and federal government, significantly impacted transit and commuter rail service.
  - Virginia's unemployment rate increased by 10 percent to 7.7 percent in February 2010 as compared to the February 2009 rate of 7.0 percent.
  - The price of fuel per gallon increased 37.5 percent to \$2.64 per gallon in February 2010, as compared to the February 2009 price of \$1.92 per gallon.
  - Virginia statewide transit and human service ridership for the month of February 2010 decreased by 19 percent, or 2,828,635 trips as compared to February 2009, based on reports from all 60 transit operators and 52 (of 55) human service operators.
  - Fiscal year-to-date 2010 statewide transit and human service ridership decreased five percent in FY2010 as compared to FY2009.
  - February 2010 included the same number of weekdays and weekend days as February 2009.
- Transportation district comparisons:
  - In transit ridership, the **Northern Virginia District** accounts for the majority at 70.1 percent in February 2010, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 10.4 percent and the Richmond District at 7 percent.
  - In human service ridership, the **Staunton District** accounts for the majority at 23 percent in February 2010, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 20.4 percent and the Fredericksburg District at 12 percent.
  - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for February 2010, as compared to February 2009, is the **Salem District** at 9 percent, or 52,029 additional trips.

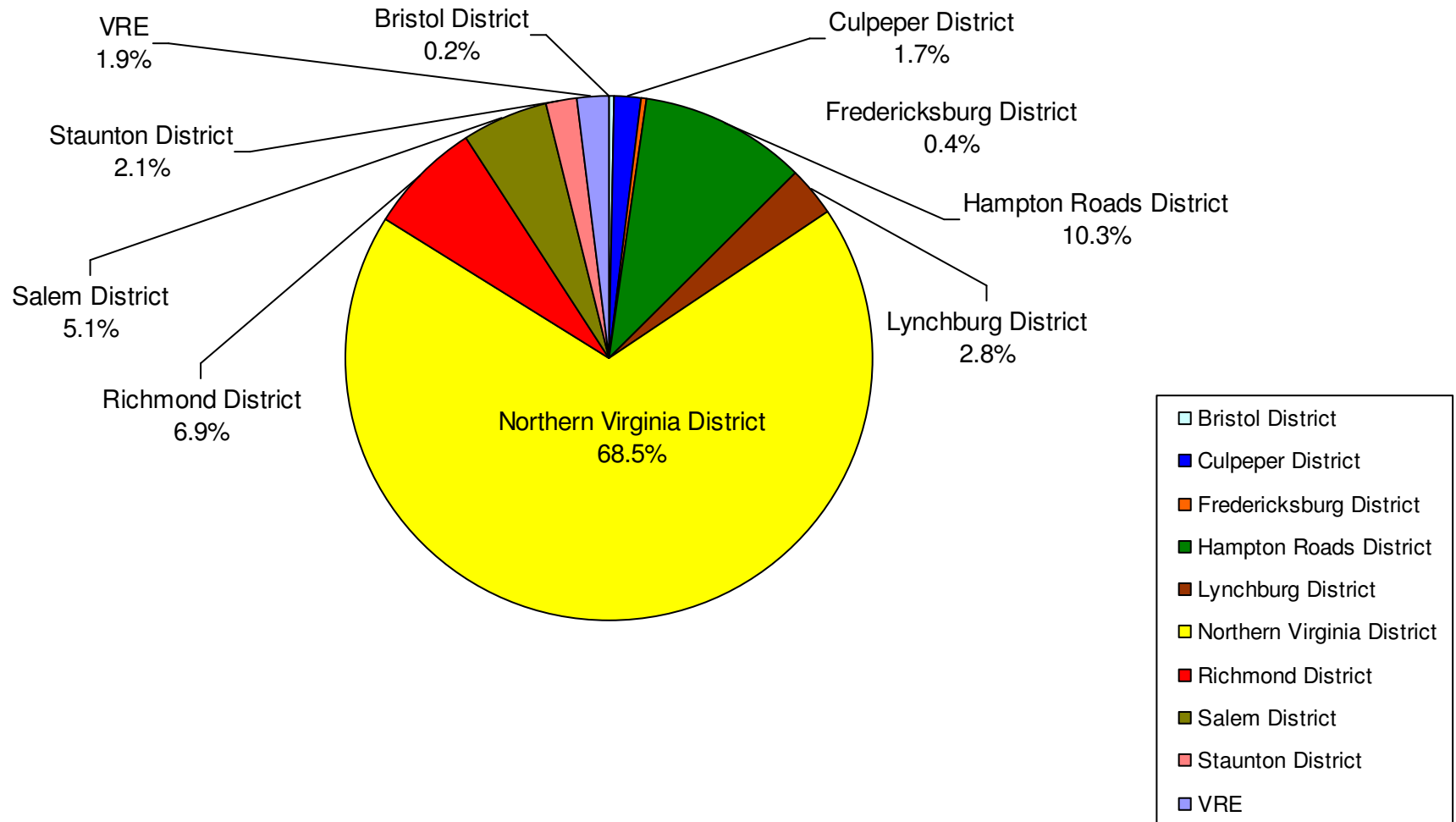
## FY2009-FY2010 Transit Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison



## FY2010 Transit Ridership and Virginia Unemployment Comparison

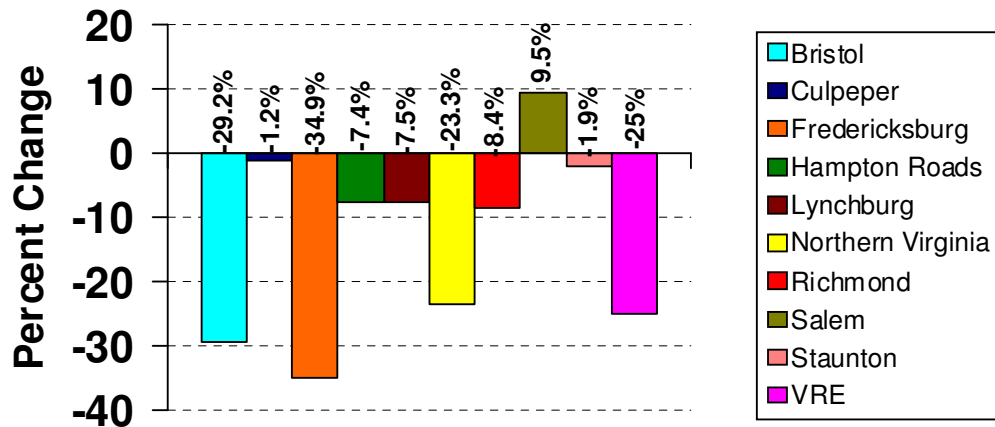


# February 2010 Statewide Transit Ridership by District



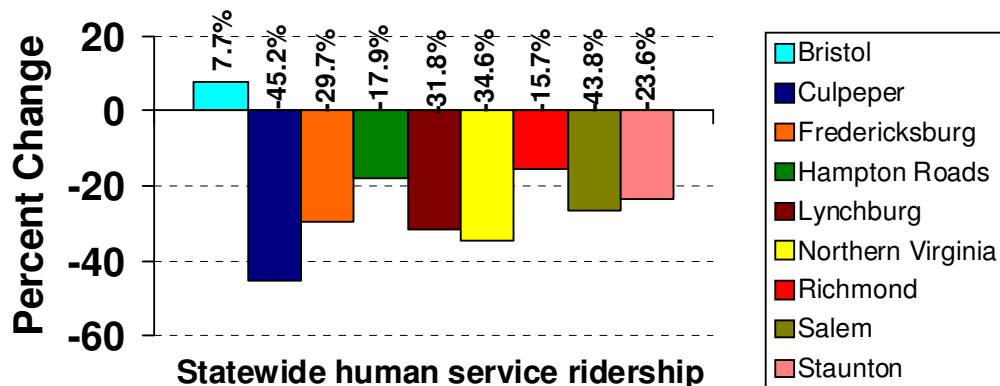
VRE ridership is not included within district totals because the operator provides cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## February 2010 vs. February 2009 Transit Ridership by District



Statewide transit ridership  
decreased 18.8 percent

## February 2010 vs. February 2009 Human Service Ridership by District



Statewide human service ridership  
decreased 24.6 percent

## February 2010 Statewide Transit Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership February 2010	Total Ridership February 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - February 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - February 2009)	Percent Change
<b>Multi-District Service</b>						
Virginia Railway Express	227,200	303,116	-25%	2,522,956	2,517,709	0%
<b>Total Commuter Rail Ridership</b>	<b>227,200</b>	<b>303,116</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>2,522,956</b>	<b>2,517,709</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Bristol District</b>						
City of Bristol Virginia	5,378	5,555	-3%	51,833	50,235	3%
District Three Public Transit	9,929	13,500	-26%	134,332	145,471	-8%
Four County Transit	8,505	12,458	-32%	92,684	115,317	-20%
Junction Center For Independent Living	234	177	32%	1,970	1,386	42%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,291	2,168	6%	16,210	16,638	-3%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	2,392	5,483	-56%	33,709	49,705	-32%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	1,752	2,483	-29%	29,031	26,201	11%
<b>Bristol District Total</b>	<b>30,481</b>	<b>41,824</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>359,769</b>	<b>404,953</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>Culpeper District</b>						
Charlottesville Transit Service	179,719	172,666	4%	1,467,721	1,309,567	12%
Greene County Transit	4,170	4,890	-15%	35,491	36,044	-2%
JAUNT	19,011	24,842	-23%	190,806	184,763	3%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	1,308	2,387	-45%	26,653	20,922	27%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	329	484	-32%	3,992	3,550	12%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	1,792	3,263	-45%	19,656	18,995	3%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Culpeper	4,143	5,361	-23%	42,157	45,569	-7%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Orange	1,833	2,070	-11%	17,020	18,172	-6%
<b>Culpeper District Total</b>	<b>212,305</b>	<b>215,963</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>1,803,496</b>	<b>1,637,582</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Fredericksburg District</b>						
Bay Aging	5,795	9,875	-41%	80,740	91,165	-11%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	429	871	-51%	8,142	7,693	6%
FRED - Caroline County	226	602	-62%	4,891	5,345	-8%
FRED - King George	826	1,782	-54%	10,860	14,596	-26%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	28,993	42,588	-32%	318,861	346,449	-8%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	6,800	9,673	-30%	94,577	77,821	22%
<b>Fredericksburg District Total</b>	<b>43,069</b>	<b>65,391</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>518,071</b>	<b>543,069</b>	<b>-5%</b>

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<b>Hampton Roads District</b>						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	834	1,057	-21%	9,239	11,086	-17%
Bon Secours Senior Health	272	342	-20%	2,576	3,094	-17%
Chesapeake Service Systems	613	502	22%	4,706	3,134	50%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,123	2,540	-16%	20,588	21,075	-2%
ESAAA/CAA	742	1,213	-39%	8,181	7,131	15%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,162,228	1,253,250	-7%	10,380,602	10,609,025	-2%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	466	626	-26%	4,721	3,072	54%
Hope House Foundation	42	68	-38%	141	415	-66%
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,226	1,646	-26%	12,036	13,813	-13%
Senior Services	3,045	3,770	-19%	31,160	22,849	36%
STAR Transit	2,763	3,011	-8%	21,606	24,829	-13%
Sussex-Greenville-Emporia Adult Activity Services	1,653	1,682	-2%	14,581	14,451	1%
Town of Chincoteague <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	534	618	-14%	3,670	6,345	-42%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	78,104	86,138	-9%	1,791,376	1,972,178	-9%
<b>Hampton Roads District Total</b>	<b>1,254,645</b>	<b>1,356,463</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>12,305,183</b>	<b>12,712,497</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Lynchburg District</b>						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	485	586	-17%	6,089	5,622	8%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	1,537	2,346	-34%	22,002	22,553	-2%
Crossroads Community Services	339	294	15%	3,219	594	442%
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	40	77	-48%	432	561	-23%
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	36	n/a	n/a	495	n/a	n/a
Danville Transit System	19,126	20,671	-7%	164,169	174,192	-6%
Farmville Area Bus	13,150	12,863	2%	87,565	86,413	1%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	308,394	334,231	-8%	2,056,866	2,243,422	-8%
JAUNT Buckingham	745	1,075	-31%	7,639	7,227	6%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	401	491	-18%	3,542	4,420	-20%
Southside Community Services Board	1,006	1,530	-34%	12,872	15,726	-18%
STEPS	683	1,097	-38%	8,316	9,294	-11%
The Arc of Central Virginia	7	4	75%	49	68	-28%
<b>Lynchburg District Total</b>	<b>345,949</b>	<b>375,265</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>2,373,255</b>	<b>2,570,092</b>	<b>-8%</b>

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<b>Northern Virginia District</b>						
Alexandria Transit Company	225,970	300,160	-25%	2,463,083	2,664,732	-8%
Arlington Transit	130,315	100,318	30%	1,214,660	939,498	29%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley	14,399	23,084	-38%	301,399	452,699	-33%
ECHO	3,336	4,207	-21%	34,717	30,803	13%
Fairfax Connector	560,370	704,106	-20%	5,928,606	6,437,910	-8%
Fairfax CUE	63,514	81,057	-22%	612,801	716,993	-15%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	142	128	11%	1,184	948	25%
Loudoun County Transit	56,775	69,304	-18%	599,247	584,233	3%
PRTC	175,154	240,350	-27%	2,037,015	2,114,023	-4%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	3,101	5,723	-46%	45,197	41,126	10%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	38,458	40,537	-5%	425,969	361,953	18%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Purcellville	1,147	1,142	0%	13,564	12,158	12%
WMATA MetroBus	1,225,503	1,718,878	-29%	13,313,193	15,075,273	-12%
WMATA MetroRail	5,874,768	7,633,887	-23%	62,927,932	66,412,617	-5%
<b>Northern Virginia District Total</b>	<b>8,372,952</b>	<b>10,922,881</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>89,918,567</b>	<b>95,844,966</b>	<b>-6%</b>

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<b>Richmond District</b>						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	138	515	-73%	3,793	3,763	1%
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	555	806	-31%	8,232	7,780	6%
Beth Sholom Home	297	311	-5%	3,137	2,302	36%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,327	1,695	-22%	13,412	14,671	-9%
Blackstone Area Bus / Dinwiddie County	267	0	0%	2,656	0	0%
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	400	245	63%	5,056	2,329	117%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	276	392	-30%	2,730	2,809	-3%
CAPUP	326	512	-36%	4,371	1,784	145%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,369	1,391	-2%	11,077	12,527	-12%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	2,374	3,582	-34%	31,575	28,056	13%
Daily Planet	11	18	-39%	288	149	93%
ElderHomes Corporation	228	84	171%	1,578	1,250	26%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	118	206	-43%	1,668	1,752	-5%
GRTC Transit System	788,370	857,228	-8%	6,722,058	7,117,445	-6%
Henrico Area Mh/Mr Services	5	0	0%	106	0	0%
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,309	1,517	-14%	11,976	10,423	15%
Petersburg Area Transit	45,344	52,476	-14%	384,895	415,857	-7%
St. Joseph's Villa	1,028	438	135%	13,472	1,830	636%
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	153	116	32%	1,170	952	23%
<b>Richmond District Total</b>	<b>843,895</b>	<b>921,532</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>7,223,250</b>	<b>7,625,679</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Salem District</b>						
Blacksburg Transit	409,678	357,986	14%	2,444,846	2,157,707	13%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	219	146	50%	2,618	792	231%
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	202,152	201,771	0%	1,650,257	1,741,506	-5%
New River Valley Community Services	1,248	2,042	-39%	15,015	16,021	-6%
Piedmont Community Services	552	559	-1%	4,550	4,369	4%
Pulaski Area Transit	5,815	6,766	-14%	59,248	57,762	3%
RADAR / Martinsville / Henry County	869	83	947%	5,440	153	3456%
RADAR / Roanoke	4,690	2,702	74%	27,322	15,079	81%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	3,061	4,164	-26%	31,947	34,374	-7%
Stepping Stones	30	66	-55%	288	454	-37%
<b>Salem District Total</b>	<b>628,314</b>	<b>576,285</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4,241,531</b>	<b>4,028,217</b>	<b>5%</b>



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<b>Staunton District</b>						
City of Winchester Transit	7,711	9,321	-17%	78,069	90,882	-14%
Friendship Industries	503	779	-35%	6,432	7,455	-14%
Grafton	1,471	1,764	-17%	11,952	12,073	-1%
Harrisonburg Transit	220,324	222,066	-1%	1,346,142	1,243,912	8%
Northwestern Community Services	695	1,007	-31%	8,252	7,646	8%
Pleasant View	5,263	6,072	-13%	42,846	43,673	-2%
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	681	1,063	-36%	8,128	9,065	-10%
Rockbridge Area CSB	782	920	-15%	7,232	7,416	-2%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center	350	509	-31%	3,152	4,730	-33%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	680	857	-21%	6,468	6,621	-2%
Shen-Paco Industries	66	114	-42%	672	954	-30%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	1,287	2,206	-42%	19,818	17,094	16%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	360	560	-36%	4,399	4,537	-3%
Valley Program for Aging Services	1,567	2,255	-31%	19,716	19,387	2%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	4,011	3,734	7%	39,732	30,271	31%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	4,922	6,322	-22%	59,417	66,972	-11%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	110	113	-3%	1,281	1,351	-5%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	462	663	-30%	4,121	5,438	-24%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	4,391	4,229	4%	37,334	30,573	22%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	1,104	911	21%	8,855	8,194	8%
<b>Staunton District Total</b>	<b>256,740</b>	<b>265,465</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>1,714,018</b>	<b>1,618,244</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>STATEWIDE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP</b>	<b>12,215,550</b>	<b>15,044,185</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>122,980,096</b>	<b>129,503,008</b>	<b>-5%</b>

<b>CALENDAR COMPARISON</b>	<b>February 2010</b>	<b>February 2009</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009-Feb. 2010)</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008-Feb. 2009)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Number of Weekdays	19	19	0%	160	159	0.6%
Number of Saturday and Sundays	8	8	0%	70	69	1.4%
Number of Holidays	1	1	0%	13	15	-13.3%
<b>ON-TIME PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>February 2010</b>	<b>February 2009</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009-Feb. 2010)</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008-Feb. 2009)</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Virginia Railway Express	84.8%	93.5%	-9%	88.8%	87.9%	1%

<sup>1</sup>Virginia Railway Express is now categorized as a transit operator

<sup>2</sup>Town of Chincoteague service is seasonal and will resume in Spring 2010